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Subject: Response to Dec. 6 follow up inquiry regarding FOIA EPA-HQ-2014-001089

Dear Ms. Tolson,

Per our telephone discussion I am sending you this response to your Dec. 6 request for clarification regarding my FOIA request EPA-HQ-2014-001089.

First let me say that this FOIA request of mine was filed on November 13, 2013. It is puzzling to me as to why no action had been taken on this request until your Dec. 6 note. In addition, I would be unaware that you had even written me a note of inquiry had I not called you on 12/16 regarding another matter. I received no email or notification of your letter – it apparently was simply posted on the FOIA web site where I may or may not have stumbled across it one day. In the future, please email me directly with all such communications. The web portal provides a useful paper trail but is not useful as the primary mode of communication.

In your Dec. 6 letter you indicate there are two ways to proceed, 1) to pursue the original, broad request, which is expected to take as much as 12 months to execute, or 2) to narrow the request to the more specific information that I outlined in a subsequent paragraph of my request – an endeavor that is estimated to take only 3 months to execute.

It is my decision to go forward with my original broad request. “I request copies of all documents (including memos, reports, spread sheets, presentations, emails, or other communications) dated between January 1, 2006 and October 1, 2013 pertaining to the ENERGY STAR Office (office/bank/finance/courthouse) building model.”

Thank you for moving this FOIA request forward.

Sincerely,



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